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COMMUNITY NEWS

Editorial

A Plague on your Tree-Houses

Like a former incumbent of these parishes, the late John Draper, I've always been a sucker for classic westerns. John would often ring me on a Saturday evening (after putting the finishing touches to the Sunday sermon!) to remind me that there was a John Wayne starting at 7pm. Oh well, there's a little boy lurking in all of us and bully for that. Or is there?

The two-headed gargoyle of political correctness and health and safety has cast a dark shadow upon many of those innocent pursuits of youth. Happy hours of playing Cowboys and Indians in the shrubbery is now regarded by some as ethnically offensive and don't even think about conkers on the playground. Unless the hapless parent has done a forty page risk assessment, a poor child cannot stand beneath a tree let alone climb up to the tree house. OK, I'm laying it on a bit thick but there can be little doubt that zealously applied regulation is smothering what we once regarded as quality of life. The octogenarian who looks forward to and takes comfort from a couple of tots before bed must now, apparently, be content with half a glass of low volume plonk. I wonder what the Consultant of Geriatrics has by way of a nightcap!

The Human Rights Act 1998 is another area where the letter is often stronger than the spirit. When it comes to deportation of foreign criminals, Article 8 of the European Convention, 'the right to private and family life', is frequently invoked on appeal with some bizarre results like a Bolivian drug dealer who bought a cat, claimed it as family and won his appeal!

And try to imagine the bemused anguish of a single father, a member of the professions from somewhere in the Midlands, who, having dropped off his two children at school, was informed later in the day that they had been taken into care. Why? Because one of them was overheard by a teacher to say she'd had a fight with her Dad that morning. In spite of there being no medical evidence of physical or mental abuse, it was months before the family was reunited all because of a remark like, 'You're not wearing that to school.'

So, is it time to strip out all this over-regulation and return to a laissez-faire society? As ever, Libby Purves, in a recent Times column, restores perspective to what has become irritating and nonsensical to many. The concepts embodied in regulatory legislation like the Human Rights Act, Health & Safety at Work, Safeguarding, Planning Control and Anti-discrimination are both noble and humane. It is not honourable ideas that should be questioned, but perhaps it is we who should be called to account – we who interpret and fiercely implement them, and we who meekly accept the interpretations. Common sense has become the silent majority. Don't shoot the message – just the messengers. **JB**

Diary dates

Saturday August 6

Syleham Summer Fete - Monks Hall

Saturday August 13

Artisan Market - St Edmund's Hall
Hoxne Theatre Club anniversary dinner -
St Edmund's Hall

Hawaiian barbecue - Denham Village Hall

Saturday August 20

Cream Tea Fair - Denham Church

Saturday September 3

Hoxne Flower and Produce Show -
St Edmund's Hall
RBL wine and cheese - Monks Hall, Syleham

Sunday September 4

HSA Clay pigeon shoot - Oakley Park

Monday September 5

Village Voices celebration - Hoxne Church

Saturday September 10

Suffolk Churches Bike Ride
Artisan Market - St Edmund's Hall
Gislingham Silver Band; Last Night of the
Proms - Hoxne Church

Wednesday September 14

Hoxon Hundred Morris Dancers' open
evening - St Edmund's Hall

Saturday September 17

Hoxne Music Festival Quiz - St Edmund's Hall

Sunday September 18

Hoxne Harvest Breakfast

Sunday September 25

St Edmund's Pre-school car boot sale,
Hoxne Playingfield

Friday September 30

Denham Harvest Supper - Denham Village Hall

■ **For church services,**
please see page 21.

■ **For St Edmund's Hall bookings**
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What's on @ The Swan

Quiz Night

Tues 2nd Aug (7.30pm)

Beer Festival

Fri 12th - Sun 14th Aug

Artisan Market & Fun Day
Sat 13th Aug (10am-3.30pm)

The Spring Band (live music)
Sat 13th Aug (7.45pm)



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■The annual Hoxne harvest breakfast will be held on Sunday September 18, Low Street Green, 10am to 12.30pm. Carole Smith would like anyone who can help on the day to contact her on 668210.

■St Margaret’s Church, Syleham is holding an Adventure Holiday Club for children aged between four and 12 years from August 16 to 18. Exploration, art and drama will all be included. Contact Mary Lewis - 669258 or mary.lewis@tecova.com

■Sunday June 26 saw 20 gardens opening in aid of Hoxne Village Hall and Playingfield. The weather was glorious and about 200 visitors arrived to wander around the gardens. Considering there were at least five other villages close by with their gardens open, this was amazing. Both visitors and garden owners had an enjoyable afternoon and £1,030 was raised to be divided between the two causes. A big thank you to all who opened their gardens and to the carparkers, tea helpers and cake makers. **Carole Smith**

■A garage sale at 65 Goldbrook made £157, split equally between the Hoxne Jubilee Clock Fund and SERV (out of hours blood runners for the NHS). It was an excellent turnout and thank you to everyone who came along. Thank you also to Gill O'Connor and Carmel Searle who provided refreshments. Items remaining

OUT AND ABOUT...

after the sale were donated to a jumble sale in aid of Hoxne Music Festival.

Jane Langley

■An Hawaiian barbecue is planned at Denham Village Hall on Saturday 13th August from 6-30pm. Adm £5 including food. Raffle - music - BYO drink.

Please book with Pam 871590 or Rose 870346 to help us with catering numbers. Hawaiian dress optional but a few grass skirts would be good!

■Denham’s harvest supper is at the hall on Friday 30th September 7pm for 7-30pm. Adm £6 (three courses and coffee) Music by *Bryan Of Note*. Raffle - BYO drink. Last ticket sales Monday 26th September. Book early to avoid disappointment. Pam 871590 or Rose 870346.

■Volunteers are needed to help support parents finding it difficult to cope with the stresses and strains of bringing up a family. For a volunteering pack or for more information please contact Maria Price, scheme co-ordinator, on 01379 678552 or email office@homestartmidsex.org.uk

■An Alpha course on basic Christianity is being run by the Revd Susan Loxton in September. Call 01379 586040 or email Susan.loxton@mypostoffice.co.uk

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Ready to celebrate - the Village Voices community choir (see page 12).



Letters to the editor

From Ken McVeigh

I would like to thank all those who helped me on June 26 in my quest to find information regarding my stay as an evacuee at the Garner family farm at Hoxne from 1939-1942. It was lovely to see Fairstead Farm again and I was also thrilled to have an opportunity to see the village school and would like to thank the teacher who took the trouble to show us quickly round the classrooms. It brought back many memories. I will be contacting another Fairstead evacuee, Esme Collins, on my return home and I am sure she will be amazed to hear of my experiences.

I would also like to give special thanks to Errol Feavearyear, past resident of Hoxne, for pointing me in the right direction. Without his help none of this would have happened. Thanks again to you all.

Eastbourne

From Nigel Dark

We're pleased to report that this year's door-to-door RNLI collection raised a total of £422. £214 of this was raised in Lower Hoxne (Jack Knights) and £208 in Upper Hoxne (Nigel Dark and Linda Gower). The total for Eye and District as a whole was £943, which is a record. Thank you Hoxne.

Linda and I will be moving ere long so there will be a vacancy (or vacancies) for an RNLI collector at the Cross Street end of the village from next April. If anyone is prepared to give up a little of their time to support this worthy cause please would they contact Angela McCann on 01379 384667. Thank you.

Cross Street, Hoxne

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Learning by sharing in the Waveney Valley

U3A is a learning co-operative of people who are no longer in full time employment which enables members to share educational, creative and leisure activities. In Harleston, U3A members meet on the third Wednesday of each month between 2pm and 4pm at the Methodist Hall in London Road. The monthly speakers' programme includes: Norfolk's Past through Metal Detecting - August 17, Harleston's Museum and its treasures - September 21 and The Little Ouse Headwaters Project - October 19.

In and around Harleston there are also groups playing Mahjong, speaking French and German, sampling local restaurants and pubs, visiting local churches and studying the Waveney Valley.

If you would like further information about U3A you can visit Harleston Information at 8, Exchange Street on Saturday mornings between 10am and 1pm or phone our info line on 01379 852123.

Birds take to boxes in the wood

It's been another successful year for the nestbox scheme in Hoxne's Brakey Wood. Thirty boxes were put up at the end of 2010 and despite three being trashed by woodpeckers, 20 of the remainder were occupied, which is quite remarkable for a small area of secondary woodland only 11 years old.

Species recorded were Blue Tit - 15 pairs, Great Tit - fours pairs and Marsh Tit - one pair, which between them fledged a total of 134 young. Sadly as always, there were a few nest failures. A number of adult birds are taken by raptors such as Sparrowhawks, leaving the young to starve, and this year, because of the very dry conditions, a few clutches were small and several young died, no doubt as a result of the shortage of caterpillars.

One box in the wood was also attacked by a woodpecker, which enlarged the entrance hole to get at the contents. The parent birds deserted the nest and the eggs failed to hatch.

All this data is logged on record cards which are sent to the British Trust for Ornithology headquarters at Thetford to join thousands of others from all over the country. The data is also useful in helping us in Hoxne to determine the status of birds in Brakey Wood and whether more can be done to help their breeding success.

Hopefully more boxes will go up later this year, with emphasis on a few more specialised types to try and entice treecreepers and owls to nest.

Chris Johnson

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What's on at the Barns in August and September

The summer brings exhibitions of Life Drawing, Mini Print International 2011 and the Royal Academy Alumni. Tea shop, gift shop and exhibitions are open from Tuesday to Saturday - 10am to 5pm and on Sunday from 11am to 4pm. Admission is free.

With Chick Flicks (*No Strings Attached* and *Educating Rita*), Film4All (*Toy Story 3* and *Pirates of the Caribbean 4*) and a Bike Fest for all the family, everyone is catered for. For the artistic and theatrical there are life drawing classes/ masterclasses; Act One at Wingfield Drama Summer School for 10 -14 year olds with Julius Caesar; a first visit from Crimson Cats with Listen to Literature, stories of Jane Austen, Jerome K Jerome and Nelson with wine and supper; Dave Parker also pays a visit as Frank Sinatra at the end of August. September's series concert is The Ristov Quartet. For details of these and more, please refer to the leaflet delivered with this *Village Voice*, call 01379 384505 or visit www.wingfieldbarns.com

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Praise on a plate for the Swan

The Swan Inn at Hoxne is celebrating after being recognised not once, but twice in one week for the excellent standard of food it produces.

The Swan has been short-listed in the category of Best Food Pub of the Year, in the prestigious Suffolk Food and Drink Awards.

The awards organised by Archant Suffolk, aims to celebrate many of the great things about the producers, retailers and restaurateurs across the county.

The short-listed entrants will now be subjected to a round of voting where the general public can choose their favourite, whittling them down to a top three - after which a judging panel will decide who will be crowned champions.

The Swan has also been honoured with a Certificate of Excellence, from online review site, Tripadvisor. The

review website, which has more than 50 million visitors a month, awarded the certificate to The Swan for its consistent excellent ratings on its website.

"We are delighted to have been acknowledged for our good food," said landlord, David Rye.

"We've been working really hard to ensure our guests have a great time when they visit us and it seems our efforts are paying off.

"Getting positive feedback is very welcome and encouraging for all the team here at The Swan Inn. When praise is made publicly through a channel such as Trip Advisor, it's even more rewarding."

Your Vote Counts: To vote for The Swan Inn to make the Suffolk Food and Drink Awards finals, visit www.hoxneswan.co.uk Deadline for voting is 5pm on Monday August 8.

Bike riders to saddle up in September

The 30th Suffolk Historic Churches Sponsored Bike Ride takes place on Saturday, 10th September from 9am to 5pm. Sponsorship forms will be available shortly so if you are not on the list of regulars and would like to take part or team up with someone else, please give me a call (John Ball – 668222) and I will get a form to you.

Last year's total meant that Hoxne Church funds benefited by a much needed £1,000 (50 per cent of the sum raised). Let's hope we can do as well

this time. Thank you all, bikers, recorders and all you generous sponsors for your continued support for this enjoyable and most worthwhile event. JB

■BOOKS REQUIRED - if anyone has any books they wish to dispose of we would appreciate them for the book sale at the monthly coffee mornings in Hoxne's Parish Church. We are happy to collect. Please ring John Chapman on 01379 740821. Thank you.

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Woodland now real local amenity

As an innovation, the New Reeding Woods Group annual meeting was held this year at Pound Lane Wood and was so successful that, weather permitting, this will become the norm.

The steering group was re-elected en bloc with the exception of Ian Bushnell who will soon be moving away from the area.

The chairman reported that the wood is starting to 'look the part', with the tree canopies developing to the point where grasses can no longer compete.

The wild flower meadow is not so abundant this year because of the lack of rain and the water level in the pond is low. He suggested cutting the meadow and rides for hay, and the work will go ahead when the conditions are right. He reported that the woodland was now a well used local amenity with visitors including

walkers and members of the dog owning fraternity.

The meeting was followed by a BBQ with garden games, and the abundance of ox-eye daisies gave many of the children present the opportunity to make daisy chains!

The group once again set up a stand at the Horham Rally. David Flowerdew has donated his pole lathe to the group and this gave the opportunity for some of the youngsters present to try their hand.

Garden stools, hammers and willow obelisks were made and sold and this year, bird feeders were added to the group's repertoire.

The Steering Group is still hunting for suitable land to extend the New Reeding Woods into the Denham area, please contact the secretary, Mike Reeves on 668179 if you can help.

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Can you help to make Christmas special?

We know it's really early and any mention of Christmas might make you make you want to scream "no, no, not yet!" BUT this really is in a good cause. St John's Church, Denham wants to provide afternoon tea for anyone in Denham and surrounding villages who is spending Christmas day on their own - if they would like that. We need volunteers to help with transport, meeting and greeting and making everyone feel welcome. St Edmund's Hall in Hoxne has been booked as it is warm and comfortable with easy access. We would like our guests to have a lovely day with tea, sandwiches, cakes and presents - if we can organise well enough for donations - and we may find someone to play appropriate music. We are also looking for volunteers who do not have to help on Christmas Day but can advertise the day and identify if this day is something that our local communities would enjoy doing. What do you think? If you feel that this may be something that you could contribute to at a very special time of the year please contact:

Maria 01379 668032 or (preferably) email: both.prices@btinternet.com

Choir plans celebration singalong

"Baritone or tenor, soprano or contralto it matters not as long as you enjoy singing come along and join us". That was the message nearly one year ago when *Village Voices* struck their first note; since then we have engaged in a variety of genres including classical, traditional, folk, spiritual and festive. "We have worked together, practised together, laughed together and performed together. What better sentiments for a village choir" said our musical director, David Cawdell who retired with our thanks at Easter. We are now looking forward to our second year under the guidance of our new musical director, Janet Koralambe.

Do you know that singing is actually good for you and could even help you live longer? **Do you know** that singing encourages your body to produce endorphins which make you feel positive and happy (just like eating a bar of chocolate except that with singing you wont consume any extra calories)?

Do you need any more reasons to join us for a taster session which also marks our first birthday?

Do come along and raise a glass with us on Monday September 5, 7.30pm at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Hoxne.

For further information please contact the choir secretary

Mary O'Herlihy-Nixon tel: 668785 or email: mary.ohn@virgin.net

Rain fails to dampen fun at the fair

St Edmund's Primary School's summer fair was held on Friday June 17, in the afternoon for a change, and despite the rain (typical!) there was a great turnout and we raised over £800!

The Hoxne School Association, which helped to organise the fair, also provided refreshments after the school sports day and this raised £47 (thank you Victoria and Clare for the delicious scones and crispy cakes!).

The next big fundraiser is the Hoxne Clay Pigeon Shoot at Hoxne Park, Oakley Road on Sunday September 4. All welcome, even if you have no shooting knowledge come and 'have a go' - there will be a BBQ and raffle

alongside the actual shooting contest.

The school has recently bought digital cameras for each class and future purchases will include another new cycle rack and maths games.

The HSA is run by parents and all proceeds are used to fund things like school trips, sports and educational equipment that the school would otherwise not be able to purchase.

Meetings are held around every two months at school. We welcome everyone (you don't need to 'join') and always need new ideas and help with organising or running events.

Keep an eye out at school for information about the next meeting and do come along.

Clock fund makes timely donation

Most of you will have seen or heard that Hoxne's church clock has not been 'on time' over the last few months. Smiths of Derby had to remove the mechanism and take it to their workshop.

The clock is now back in operation and we hope in good working order because the cost of the repair is £2.666. The Friends of Hoxne Church has agreed to pay the bill but three ladies in the village have got together and are busy raising funds to repay the Friends.

Carmel Searle from the Old Vicarage, Gladys Baldwin and Gill O'Conner have set up the Jubilee Clock Fund. Lots of wrist bands have been sold which are now making a profit. A garden party was held in the gardens of the Old Vicarage on June 12 and on Saturday the 18th a quiz

in St Edmund's Hall at the end of which I was presented with a cheque for £1000, their contribution so far. On behalf of the Friends, I thank them very much. And they have more events lined up.

Talking about events organised by the main committee of the Friends, on Saturday September 10 the Gislingham Silver Band will entertain us with a version of the Last Night of the Proms in the church.

Tickets are now available from John Chapman (01379 740821), Margaret Brawn (01379 668352), David Cawdell (01379 668821). Prices are: Members of the Friends £8 (bring your friends for the same price); other non members £9. Free light refreshments. Bring your flags and bunting - but no poppers or fireworks, please!

John Chapman, Friends' chairman

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Promises total is 'music to the ears'

The Auction of Promises held at Hartismere School on July 8 was a bigger success than the small group of PTA organisers had hoped. At the time of writing the total was estimated at just under £3000! This was possible as many local individuals and businesses donated an array of extraordinary items and then those who attended, as well as those who sent in commission bids, were generous with their money. We also had some great support from a team of helpers on the night, some of whom were called upon at rather short notice - thank you to Sarah, Claire and Heather.

During the interval we were entertained by Eva Mason, after she and Miss Bullock, head of music at Hartismere, had officially unveiled the school's grand piano. This year's PTA fundraising is mainly for the music department.

Our auctioneer, Ed Smith from TW Gaze, ably and jovially kept the clients and the proceedings under his watchful eye, and managed to ensure some opened their wallets that little bit more! Our thanks go to all who supported this venture in any way.

Julie Thompson

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Bring your treasures to the Fair

Friends of Denham Church will be holding a Cream Tea Fair on August 20 which will be along similar lines to the very successful Strawberry Fair two years ago.

Once again Simon Reynolds from Christies Auction House has very kindly agreed to give his time and expertise to value those treasures that you keep meaning to take to an expert somewhere but never get round to it. Now the expert will be coming to you! If you think that a little research may be needed before the day, please email a picture and description to sreynolds@christies.com and quote 'Friends of Denham Church Cream Tea Fair'.

The Fair will be held at Denham Church between 2pm and 6pm and there will be stalls selling plants,

books, bric-a-brac, cakes plus something to entertain the children, plus a raffle.

Delicious traditional cream teas will, of course, be on sale throughout the afternoon.

In the meantime if you have any surplus books and/or plants or bric-a-brac (sitting alongside those valuable treasures you intend to have valued!) that you wish to dispose of they will be welcome as donations.

If so please contact Jeanette (668565) or Catherine (668204). We look forward to seeing as many of you loyal readers of the *Village Voice* as possible on the day.

Looking further forward we are planning to hold our annual Quiz Night during November this year but the date and venue have yet to be finalised so keep your eye on the *Village Voice* and look out for our flyers and posters around the village nearer the time.



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August: £20 - Paul Potter; £15 - Mr K Carter; £10 - Mrs T Maguire.

Many thanks for your continued support.



■ The Hartismere Playscheme will this year run from August 8 to 12, 10am to 3.30pm at Eye Primary School, for all children between the ages of five and 11years old. Booking forms have gone out through the schools, but if you need further information please contact us. Bernard 873113 or Pat Brightwell (secretary) 870100.

HOXNE PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Street Caretaker

We are pleased to confirm the appointment of Mr Roger Knight as Street Caretaker for the village. Initially, Roger will keep the pavements clean and tidy in the conservation areas of the village. We are sure you will see him out and about at work and soon notice the difference he will make to the presentation of the village.

Allotments

The provision of allotments was an action point from the Parish Plan and the Parish Council is now actively looking at whether it is possible to acquire land in the village for this purpose. If anyone has suggestions for a possible site, please contact the Clerk.

Village Information pack

The Parish Council is in the process of updating this pack of vital information supplied to anyone moving into the village.

If you would like to submit up to date information on the organisation you represent or have any suggestions for things that should be included please contact the Clerk.

Thatch Register

If you live in a thatched property, Suffolk County Council would like to hear from you. They want to proactively help the owners and residents of thatched properties by providing you with relevant information to reduce the risk of fire before it happens. Please contact them on 01473 260500 or email: comsafeadmin@suffolk.gov.uk

Transport for Shopping or Medical Visits

As a result of the Parish Plan survey, the Parish Council holds in file a list of names of volunteers who expressed a willingness to help those who need transport. Please contact the Clerk for further details.

**The Parish Council next meets on Monday 8 August and Monday 5 September at 7.30 pm at the Playingfield Pavilion.
All are welcome to attend.**

**Sarah Foote, Clerk. Telephone 07554 733621.
Email pc@hoxne.suffolk.gov.uk**

SYLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Chairman Mr Malcolm Flounders

Parish Council – At the Annual Council Meeting on 18th May, Malcolm Flounders was elected Chairman and John Leader was elected Vice Chairman. Warm appreciation was expressed of Mr Leader's long years of service as Chairman. At the close of the meeting special thanks was given to Mrs Mary Lewis as retiring Clerk and her successor, Linda Bruce, agreed to take office following close of the meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting – District Councillor Elizabeth Gibson-Harries was congratulated on her re-election and presented her report. Further reports were received from PCSO Steven Long and County Councillor, Guy McGregor. The minutes will not be approved until the annual meeting next year but a draft copy may be seen by contacting the Clerk or on the parish website.

Re-cycling facility – The Village Hall Committee is considering a private arrangement for the removal of bottles and has already planted some screening trees. The Parish Council will continue to ask for a screening fence to be erected around any bottle bank installed and that due consideration be given to neighbours in its management.

Age UK – Age Concern has expressed a warning that they are being targeted by people pretending that bags they leave for donated stock will directly benefit people; instead they are collected for commercial gain. Age Concern ask residents to note that their bag is coloured Magenta and Blue with their charity number 1085900 on it. These bags will directly benefit older people in Suffolk. Any suspect bags should be reported to Matt Archer on 01473 353058 or Gloria Elsdon 01379 668409.

Police - In line with police forces across the country, Suffolk is facing a cut in funding of approximately £13.5 million over the next four years. Currently, Hoxne ward comes eighth in the top ten safest wards to live in Suffolk and Syleham has only one recorded crime (theft of a battery) between May 2010 and May 2011. The police will continue to combat metal thefts and thefts from sheds and outbuildings. The public are reminded to be aware of trailer and caravan thefts during the summer season.

Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service - The Service is asking for volunteers to deliver a wide range of community safety advice at various events in the local area and beyond. Tel: 01473 260588

Next Meeting: Wednesday 14th September at 7.30pm.

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Denham – Barbara Irwin, Reading Hall tel: 01379 870500

Syleham – Mary Lewis, Little Hemplands tel: 669258

Wingfield – John McCracken tel: 01379 384181

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Times of worship • August - September 2011

August 7

Wingfield 10am Family

Communion

Syleham 11am Morning Prayer

Hoxne 11.15am Holy Communion

August 14

Syleham 11am Village Worship
and Baptism

Hoxne 11.15am Morning Prayer

Denham 11.30am Village Service

Wingfield 6.30pm Evensong

August 21

Wingfield 10am Family Service

Syleham 10am Songs of Praise

Hoxne 11.15am Holy Communion

August 28

Hoxne 10am Family Service

Syleham 10am Village Worship

Wingfield 10am Morning Prayer

September 4

Wingfield 10am Family

Communion

Syleham 11am Morning Prayer

Hoxne 11.15am Holy Communion

September 11

Wingfield 11am Holy Communion

Hoxne 11.15am Morning Prayer

Denham 11.15am Village Service

September 18

Wingfield 10am Family Service

Syleham 10am Holy Communion

Hoxne 11.15am Holy Communion

September 25

Syleham 10am Village Worship

Wingfield 11am Harvest Festival

Hoxne 10am Family Service

and Baptism

Week-day services will be held at Denham on Tuesday August 23 (Morning Prayer), on Tuesday September 27 (Holy Communion) and at Hoxne on Wednesday September 28 (Morning Prayer) - all at 9.30am.

A time for prayer takes place each week at Wingfield on Mondays at 12noon and Syleham on Tuesdays at 12noon.

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August 2011

Dear Friends

We went to the Scottish Island of Rona for a week last month. It is virtually uninhabited – no roads, no shops, and hardly any people. We could advance order fish or venison – both plentiful.

The stewing venison was awaiting us. I realised I had forgotten to take onions. Stew without onions? I also realised that there was sea, mountains and wildflowers – and that we must make do. We must adapt and use in different ways, the things we had brought with us. Dried apricots might do well with the meat...steeped even in a wee dram of whisky! It is the same for many of us at different stages in our life. We find we don't have what we want...but on reflection, perhaps, we do have what we need.

Or, as a friend put it:

God made me. God loves me. God sustains me.

The venison was duly singed in an oil-less pan (I had forgotten the oil too!) with the apricots steeped in whisky. Mint and wild thyme found their way into the pot and the result was delicious.

I had learned a lesson for the next time I face a moment when a door seems to close. So...instead...what am I able to do? What resources have I been given by God ...to use.

With love, Fiona

Revd Canon Fiona Newton (Tel: 01986 798266) is priest-in-charge of Brundish, Cratfield, Laxfield, Syleham, Wilby and Wingfield and Rural Dean of the Hoxne Deanery

Revd Susan Loxton (Tel: 01379 586040) is priest-in-charge of Denham, Fressingfield, Hoxne, Mendham, Metfield, Weybread and Withersdale

St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne

Dull weather; high spirits

Hoxne Church Fete took place on a pleasant but overcast afternoon at the Playing Field, a new venue for this historic event. Thanks to the hard work of stallholders and helpers, a healthy £1,231.61 was raised for Church funds. Some innovations like the penalty shoot-out and egg and spoon races (with eggs for prizes donated by Havensfield Happy Hens) proved to be popular attractions with some spirited competition.

The day began earlier than usual with John and Jean Chapman's coffee morning providing welcome refreshment for those setting up and regular coffee addicts. All in all, a good day. Well done everyone who once again rallied to the cause. Nena Drake who ran the cake stall and Sallie Chester (teas) were particularly grateful for all the home-made supplies they received.

Mabel Midgley

A funeral and thanksgiving service for the life for Mabel Midgley (1921 – 2011) was led by the Revd Susan Loxton at Hoxne Church on July 13. Mrs Midgley lived with her husband Norman (who died in 2008) in Church Close after their retirement in 1982. Among the many contributions they both made to the life of the church was Mabel's skill and enthusiasm for embroidery which lead to eye-catching and colourful kneelers now found in every pew.

Bishop's presentation

The Hoxne congregation was delighted to welcome the Bishop of Dunwich, the Rt Revd Clive Young to a service of Holy Communion on Sunday July 17. Bishop

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Clive made the visit specifically to present a certificate of appreciation to Peter Drake for his contribution to the work of the church as a Lay Elder, churchwarden, member of the PCC and committee of the Friends of the Church. The service was led by the Rev Susan Loxton with the sermon being given by Bishop Clive.

Flower rota

August 7 and 14

Altar - Pru Day

Porch - Isabel Draper

August 21 and 28

Wedding flowers for Saturday 20th

September 4 and 11

Altar - Melanie Banham

Porch - Cathie McGregor

September 18 and 25

Altar - Sarah Buckley

Porch - Sarah Foote

Thank you to all flower arrangers who help to make our church a welcoming place. Flower rota organiser Cathie McGregor 01379 668434.

Mothers Union

Mothers Union meets at Time House, Low Street Hoxne on the third Monday of the month at 2pm.

August 15. News from the Annual Meeting in Edinburgh including the *Letting Children Be Children* report and a visit to the Royal Yacht Britannia.

September 19. Chris Lowe should be with us with news of her travels.

On Wednesday *September 21* we are holding an Archdeaconry Day at the Sancroft Hall, Fressingfield 10.30am to 4pm. There will be speakers including our Diocesan President, Val Jefferies and news of our projects from around the world, including the Bye Buy Childhood Campaign. Also ►►

CHURCH NEWS

we will have produce, 'bring and buy' and MU merchandise stalls: 2012 diaries, cards and gifts will be available; lunch and a Eucharist Service in the church. If you are interested in the work of the MU please contact Cathie McGregor 01379 668434

St John, Denham

This month of August brings open churches week from 6th to the 13th and although the church in Denham is open every day it would be an ideal time for everyone who has not yet seen the newly restored church to visit. Another opportunity to support St John's will come on September 10 when the Suffolk Historic Bike Ride will combine the visit with fund raising; sponsorship forms will be available soon. The Village Services will be on August 14 at 11.30am and September 11 at 11.15am. Both services will be preceded by refreshments and fellowship. Morning Prayer will be on Tuesday August 23 and there will be a service of Holy Communion on the September 27 both at 9.30am.

St Margaret, Syleham

Our **Open Gardens** event turned out to be very successful, with the rain staying away until late afternoon. Grateful thanks go to the visitors and all those who opened their gardens and provided refreshments throughout the day. With the raffle, plants, photo sales and donations, a grand total of £957.39 was made towards repairs to the church tower. Our particular thanks to organisers Ian Marshall and Marion Minns.

The **Summer Fete** will take place on Saturday 6 August from 2:30pm – 4:30pm at Monk's Hall by kind invitation of Mr J Leader. There will be stalls, games and refreshments, as well as a competition for the best decorated 'weird or wonderful' wheelbarrow, all in aid of St Margaret's fabric fund.

Following the success in 2010, the **Holiday Club** will be running again this year from 16-18 August, details elsewhere in *Village Voice*. Anyone interested should contact Mrs Mary Lewis on 01379 669258.

St Margaret's has welcomed a number of visitors recently and it is good when we share our worship, either at Sunday services or at our Tuesday noon prayers.

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Many thanks to the kind soul (at this moment unknown) who re-covered the window boards in the church, which is a big improvement. Who are you? We would love to know!

St Andrew, Wingfield

Musical memory

On 11 June the church was full for a concert in memory of Anne Gee, wife of Tommy, who had had a great involvement with the musical life of the area and sadly died last December. The concert featured Jacqui Dankworth, Liz Brice and the Harleston Choral Society. Jane Greenfield and Peter Bloore at Wingfield College provided a lovely venue for afternoon tea afterwards, hosted by the Gee family.

Flower Festival

Our Flower Festival took place on the spring bank holiday weekend. The theme was 'favourite quotations from the King James Bible' and there were one or two very original interpretations. The weekend offered the opportunity for lots of friendly chat over tea and cakes, and a profit of £324 was made for church funds.

Village Fete

The village fete, in aid of church funds, was held on 25 June at Wingfield Barns, by kind permission of the general manager, Lesley Jackson. We were lucky with the weather, and a very successful afternoon raised over £733.

Harvest Festival

We are now looking forward to our Harvest Festival and Supper – the Harvest Supper will take place in the church on Saturday 24 September at 7 pm, tickets £9 for adults, £4 for children - family deals available. Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 25 September.

Anniversary

We are now preparing to celebrate the 450th anniversary of the foundation of our church and the death of Sir John de Wingfield, responsible for the church and the foundation of Wingfield College. We are planning for the return of the Wingfield Organ to St Andrew's for a period.

This was restored from remains discovered in our church, which date back to the 1530s, making it one of the earliest church organs in England. The cost of transport and insurance will be about £1,000, and donations are sought towards this so that as many people as possible can see and hear this fascinating instrument.

We are delighted that David Young and Alistair Johnstone launched the organ appeal by a sponsored canoe trip down the river Waveney from Harleston to Beccles in July. Their support team was headed by Martin Gosling.

Celebration of the 450th anniversary will start more formally on Sunday October 30, when there will be an evensong service at which the preacher will be the Revd Martin Eastwood, Canon Precentor of St Edmundsbury Cathedral, and we hope to have music dating from early in the church's history.

More details in the next edition of *Village Voice*.

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Pre-school goes out and about

The summer term has been a busy one at St Edmund's Pre-school, Hoxne. We have enjoyed trips out to Jimmy's Farm for the 50th birthday party of the pre-school Learning Alliance; a day out at Banham Zoo and a day out to Southwold beach.

We have welcomed visits from the police (picture on opposite page) and road safety officer to talk to the children about staying safe by the road and we have had fun in the garden with Rachel Baker's imagination stations. Sessions have included parents and children together playing with water/mud/sand (picture below)

We have been pond dipping at Harvey's house where we were very excited to discover lots of newts, dragonfly larvae and a wide variety of water mini beasts (picture opposite).

Picture in the paper

We welcomed lots of visitors into our

new look outdoor area at the Hoxne Open Gardens in June. Thank you to all who came and bought cakes, fudge or playdough mix from our stall.

We raised £105.74 for pre-school selling refreshments and the children's artwork. We were very excited to see our photo in the *Diss Express* the next week.

We would also like to thank the very generous customers at the Hoxne Post Office who donated to our collecting box a grand total of £18.76.

In July we said goodbye to Aidan, Alex, Daisy, Dylan, Maisie and Toby at a special end of term assembly and we wish them a great start to their reception year at St Edmund's Primary School.

We look forward to seeing them again on our school visit in the autumn.

Pre-school is run by a committee of parents and we would like to thank them all for their support and hardwork - without them pre-school could not operate.

At the end of July we said a special thank you to Julie Bryant who is standing down as the Committee Chairperson. Thank you Julie - your dedication and enthusiasm has been truly appreciated. We also held a garden party to finish off the end of the school term.

Some advance dates for your diary - our annual car boot and fun day on the playing field is on Sunday 25th September and a



night of live entertainment, a disco and good food with a Halloween Theme on 22nd October - tickets will be on sale from pre-school soon.

We have vacancies for the autumn term for children aged from two years and above, free government-funded sessions for three and four year olds. Also our Little Treasures group meets for parents and children from birth upwards on Wednesdays from 10am to 12noon (term time).

■Please phone pre-school to arrange a visit - we would love to meet you. We can be contacted on 07768 872135 or visit our web site at www.stedmunds-preschool.org.uk



Phoenix opt to stay on dry land

The ladies of the Hoxne Phoenix Group were very sorry they had to cancel their outing in June, but not to be defeated, we are planning another outing for September 6 – no water or boats involved this time.

We will be going to Bridge End Gardens in Saffron Walden – a garden which was voted East Anglia's best picnic site in 2010. There is no charge to view the garden. The town is also very interesting with many shops and mediaeval buildings. We will leave Hoxne Post Office at 9.30am, please park on Doreen's meadow and we hope to arrive in Saffron Walden at 11.30am when you will be free to look at the garden or view the town. We

hope to be back in Hoxne by 6pm. The price of the coach is £13 for members and £14 for visitors.

If you would like to book a seat please ring Vivienne Bradford on 668551 or Doreen Weller on 668291.

The Hoxne Phoenix Group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the lounge of St Edmund's Hall with talks and demonstrations. Visitors are welcome at £2 so come along to our August meeting at which Mrs Jenny Gibbs, who lives for part of the year in Turkey, will talk about hatches, matches and dispatches in Turkey.

In September we will be card making with Mrs Jackie Lawrence.

'Fantastic' result at Whittingham Hall

A garden party run by the Fressingfield and District Branch of the Royal British Legion at Whittingham Hall raised a fantastic £2245 profit in two-and-a-half hours!

A donation of £200 was made to Help the Heroes through the 'dalek', Mark Dean, and we banked the rest which will be used by RBL Suffolk. The branch members would like to thank all those who attended, donated, lent and/or assisted in all the various and generous ways.

Some facts and figures:

Detailed planning started in January.

Preparation of the garden and planting went on all spring and the lawns were given their final cut on Thursday.

Friday morning saw the start of 'setting up' when neatness and peace were replaced with chaos and confusion. Forty seven vintage and four modern sports cars took part in the Legion Rally organised by the Fressingfield Oily Rag Club; 112 cakes

were produced and sold thanks to the ladies of the area; countless plants were donated and sold thanks to the generosity of Middleton's Nurseries of Weybread and others; over 400 cream teas and 200 ices were devoured; 12 raffle prizes (minimum value £40) were donated and generated over £500. More than 70 people helped on the day. The majority of these were supporters - not members - many of whom attended, found they could be of assistance, and just got on with it. Over 550 attended - exact figure unknown because children were admitted free.

The weather was superb and everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon. By lunch-time the following day everything was back to normal and Lynda and Garry Findlay were enjoying the peace and tranquillity of their fantastic garden. (We are invited back next year - so watch this space for details).

Ben Symonds, chairman

School goes green and flies the flag

St Edmund's Primary School is fast approaching the summer holidays which we hope will be filled with sunshine and good times.

So far this has been another busy term which has flown by; we would like to welcome Ben and Toby to school and their family to Hoxne. Thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fair on the playing-field in the lovely rain! It was a very successful event - despite the weather - and has helped raise funds for the school.

Thank you to everyone who collected Tesco and Sainsbury's vouchers for us - we have placed the orders now and look forward to collecting Morrison's vouchers in September. Well done to everyone who has helped recycle their unwanted books and clothes via our Cash4schools collections; we raised over £69 this term which brings our total to more than £150 for the school year. Our next collection date is 30th September.

Class 1 has been looking at transport

this term and will be heading off to the East Anglian Transport Museum at Carlton Colville before the end of term. The children have also been busy with their newly transformed garden in their special area which allows them to tend their produce on a regular basis.

Class 2 attended a pyramid Wake & Shake morning at Hartismere High School which had a pirate theme (below left).

Our Year 4s have been camping with Mendham Year 4s (right) and although it rained during the night everyone had a great time.

Class 3 has had a visit from Barclay's Bank on July 5 as part of our links with the wider community and learning money skills. Next term it will be Class 1's turn for a visit too.

Year 6 also joined Mendham children - this time for camping and canoeing on the 18th and 19th.

The whole school celebrated Lloyds TSB's National School Sport Week with activity on the field; this was



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Sports day on the playingfield at Hoxne

above the playground. We are sadly having to bid farewell to our Year 6s who will be heading off to big school in September; we wish you all the success you all deserve. We also

also great practice for our Sports Day. Years 5 and 6 attended another pyramid sports event at Hartismere, this time it was athletics where everyone did extremely well with Jan, Molly and Matthew gaining podium places!

Classes 2 and 3 have continued their work on the Anglo-Saxons, following their trips to Sutton Hoo and West Stow earlier in this term, with a visit from Stephen Govier. We also had a visit from Mike McManus who worked with Classes 2 and 3 looking at animation and thinking skills.

Our school council's fund raising idea for our green area has proved to be a great success. We held our postponed Sponsor Green Day Fun Run last month with parents coming along to cheer everyone on, everyone gave it their all and had to be stopped from running in the end!

With sponsorship money nearly all in we have a total raised of over £300 which has enabled us to order two new benches for the green area and some stone so we hope to have it looking even more beautiful before the end of term. Local MP Dr Daniel Poulter came to visit our school just in time to see our Green Flag flying high

say goodbye and thank you for all your hard work and commitment to our secretary Mrs Susan Downes who runs the school like clockwork; and to Mrs Suzanne Collins our Year 2 teacher and Mrs Vanessa Webster our HLTA.

We would like to wish you all a wonderful summer break and thank everyone who has helped us with projects, jobs around the school and supported our events and trips.

Julie Rogers

Junior Road Safety Officers

We attended a presentation at Endeavour House, Ipswich on June 17 along with the JRSO from Mendham Primary school; Mr Digby took us there from Diss station by train and we attended the awards ceremony where we did very well and gained a Silver Certificate for our activities which we had recorded in our scrapbook. We got to ask the councillors questions and meet other JRSO from schools in Suffolk. We couldn't wait to get back to school to tell Mrs Rogers how well we had done and she was very proud of us all.

Justin, Eleanor, William and Molly

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Lee is Hoxne's clubman of the year

AFC Hoxne's disciplinary record next season seriously needs to improve. I stated this at the club's annual meeting at which all the main officers were re-elected; myself as secretary, Gail Jackson as treasurer, Pat Haydon as chairman and Richard Farthing as both assistant-secretary and vice-chairman.

The 1stXI were relegated from Division 2 of the Ipswich League and the 2ndXI finished runners-up in Division 4. The treasurer stated that the club had a balance of £349.17 in hand. Both teams will be under new management next season. Jamie Scales (assisted by Jordan Balls) will manage the 1stXI while Mark Abbott and Lee Clements will run the 2nd XI.

Pre-season training has begun. A number of friendlies have been arranged and the league season starts on August 27.

At the club's presentation evening, president Clive Baxter read a speech from chairman Pat Haydon thanking everyone for their efforts during a challenging season. Particular thanks were expressed to Fiona and Paul Chapman, Gail and Stuart Jackson, Barry and Elaine Garland, Lee Lucraft, Tony Cook, Richard Farthing and Ken Rose, the kit sponsor.

The award winners were; president's clubman of the year - Lee Lucraft (former 2nd XI manager); 1stXI manager's player of the year - Reece Palfrey; 1stXI players' player of the year - Steve Garland; 2ndXI manager's player of the year - Owen Brady; 2ndXI players' player of the year - Mitch Rowe; most improved player of the season, Cameron Mason; best young player of the season, Ross Halil.

Clive Baxter, president

Dramatic accounts in bomb group's booklet

The Horham-based 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association has launched a booklet telling the history of the group with pictures and airmen's stories. The association has drawn on its extensive archive of period material to produce the booklet which highlights many of the dramatic accounts from the group's history – it was the first to bomb Berlin in daylight – and tells its story from its birth in the US during WW2 up to the present day restoration work at Horham. The 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association has restored the WW2 NCOs' social club – the Red Feather Club – which now houses the official UK museum of the bomb group and period function room the Blue Lounge. The booklet, which is just £2.50, is available from the Red Feather Club at its regular open days on the last Sunday of every month during the summer (May to October inclusive, 10am-4pm) or when it is open for other events or educational visits.

The booklet is also available by mail order from: 95th Bomb Group Booklet, c/o Hidcote Lodge, Mill Road, Redlingfield, IP23 7QU, for £3.50 including postage and packing, cheques payable to the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association.

Gardeners mix history with wine and roses

Wingfield and District Gardening Club held its annual 'Gardens at their Best' meeting in May. Four members opened their gardens on a brilliantly sunny Saturday. The same gardens we saw on a bitterly cold day 'at their worst' in January.

On Saturday 18th June we had an evening visit to Buxlow Manor in Knodishall. The owner, Mr Guy de Moubray, told us about his life and his ancestors, one of whom fought alongside Nelson at Trafalgar.

After recounting something of the history of the house, we were taken round the large garden, which features interesting trees and shrubs, and an extensive collection of roses. The evening was rounded-off with excel-

lent canapes and wine. The visit was arranged around the 'Invitation to View' scheme, and it was felt that a similar event could be planned for next year.

As mentioned in the June/July *Village Voice*, chip-budding (a sort of grafting technique) was the subject of our July meeting, when a talk by a nurseryman from Melton explained. There is no meeting in August, which is our annual recess (many people on holiday).

In September, after our AGM, there will be a 'Gardener's Question Time' (no panel, just ask your question and someone in the club will try to answer it). We do not have a date at present, but watch out for the posters nearer the time. By popular request, we are inviting John Harvey to come again and talk about his love of roses. This will (hopefully) be in October. See this magazine or posters for the details. Any further information, please contact Graham on 01379 384259, or email g.redelsperger@btinternet.com

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Wayne's

■gardening tips

August - Time to restart old cyclamen corms that have been resting in a cold frame. These can now be potted up. Prune hydrangeas in the fourth week of August.

September – Time now to sow hardy annuals. Outdoors, plant violets in frames and pot up lilies for the greenhouse.

Wayne Page

Summer in sight and sound...

There is not much now to remind us of the parched dusty fields of early spring – some very short barley and sparse sugar beet perhaps – but for a while we were contemplating drought.

Want of rain, especially before Easter, is uncomfortable, unEnglish, something that happens elsewhere. For the first time the forecast of scattered showers moving east across England comes as a relief.

The aftermath of thundery rain is clear air and lush green grass just like it used to be. 'Seed doth grow and meadow blossom, wood doth spring anew.'

Summer is a coming in but no longer to the loudly singing cuckoo – not here. Here it is the cooing of wood pigeons (as a child I was told their refrain was 'my toe's bleeding – Betty') and the hoarse reedy coo-coooooo-coo of collared doves.

There is a pigeon nesting in the loft above the stables on what looks like an untidy pile of sticks. She eyes you anxiously as you walk by, clattering off should you pause or look her way.

At the time when summer was heralded by the call of the cuckoo collared doves were an unknown species found only in the Balkans.

Our doves are turtle doves. Their call is a musical, purring coo – pooorrr – pooorrr – pooorrr. The lazy soporific sound of high summer along with the smell of crushed thyme as you walk across the terrace and the sight

of swallows skimming over the yard or a hare, its long legs ungainly in slow motion as it feeds in the meadow.

The warm dry weather early in the year has provided good breeding conditions for butterflies emerging from hibernation and benefited bees and other useful insects.

The fruit crop looks good since the rain. Blackcurrants have been hanging like grapes from overloaded branches. And since the rain the vegetable patch is overflowing and even the farmers are mollified.

Long live the traditional damp British summer. HC



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DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Mr Ray Keeble

Annual Parish Council Meeting 27th May

The two vacancies for councillors (following the elections on 5th May) were filled by co-option returning the council to its full strength. The five members are now Councillors Margaret Eastmead, Margaret Reeves, Mari-Carmen Perks (new member), Nigel Blandford and Ray Keeble who was elected Chairman.

Annual Parish Meeting 18th May

Reports received from local groups and community organisations included:

- *Parish Council.* Ray Keeble presented the Chairman's Review of the Year
- *County Council Councillor* McGregor explained the need for the new strategy being implemented by the Council in response to cuts in government funding of 28% over four years. For a range of services this will entail a shift from direct provision by the County towards the private sector or community provision.
- *District Councillor* Mrs Gibson-Harries discussed the redevelopment of Hartismere Hospital (including interim arrangements during rebuilding) and the Brome recycling site.
- *Police Safer Neighbourhood Team.* Reported crime remains low with only four crimes in the parish in the past year and the area is among the safest in Suffolk. Current priorities included reducing metal thefts and thefts from outbuildings. Suffolk Police, already a low cost force, will be affected by severe funding cuts over the next four years with a recruitment freeze and increased sharing of services with Norfolk.
- *Denham Church.* The major programme of repairs was virtually complete. A new monthly pattern of services includes a family service and a morning prayer. Thanks were due to the Friends who have raised £6000 towards the repairs. The many fund raising events brought the village together, culminating with a Thanksgiving Celebration attended by the bishop when the church was full to overflowing.
- *The Village Hall* has continued to improve facilities and bookings are increasing
- *Neighbourhood Watch.* The priority setting meetings which are open to the public remain a valuable opportunity to raise issues of concern directly with the local police.
- *Reeding Wood.* There had been frost damage to trees but there should be a full recovery.

Brome Waste and Recycling

At the meeting on 27th May, Mrs Gibson-Harries remained confident that a solution would be found to enable the continued provision of an equivalent service in the locality and, although the deadline of the end of July for closure remained, the County may instead be looking towards partnership schemes.

Village of the Year Competition 2011

For the first time, Denham entered the competition run by Mid Suffolk District Council. Although Denham did not win we were highly commended on the high standard of our entry and the evidence of community spirit that the judges found. Particular thanks are due to Councillor Margaret Reeves who took the lead in preparing the entry and in facilitating the visit of the judges to Denham.

Planning

New application - 2187/11 Hedgerows opposite Greenlands Farm Hoxne Road (Hoxne) (Change of use of land for siting of caravan to serve agricultural use for five years).

Other applications - 0385/11 Airfield industrial Site (Eye). (Two wind turbines). Withdrawn 1672/11 College Farm Church Road (Prior notification of agricultural buildings: conversion of existing Dutch barn to grain store). Formal approval not required.

Next Meeting

**The next meeting of the Council will be on
Wednesday 28th September in the Village Hall.**

For further information please contact David Jenvey, Clerk (01379 388184)

Did you see the Queen's birthday honours list? The *Guardian* has reduced their list to just one page by using type even smaller than the current telephone directory.

Radio 4 reported that there had been a switch of emphasis from popular figures to achievers. However, the headlines did seem to be dominated by the knighting of an old pro gameshow dancer with an attractive young wife. The elderly are an increasing financial burden on youth, and will be moreso if the privatised old peoples home industry implodes.

It was wonderful to see so many happy children at the fete at Wingfield barns which continue to prosper under its charismatic manager. They loved the traditional games which were within the compass of their pocket money. Face painting went down well. The hog roast and the beer were delicious. Church funds had a useful boost as well. It was good to be able to chat to our convivial MP who circulated and met many of us, a doctor, who told me he will be visiting Ruanda to study their health problems. Next year Open Gardens will bring our community together once again.

The world-renowned trumpet soloist Crispian Steele-Perkins performed at the Barns in July. Don't say you have never heard of him. He is the trumpeter who introduces the BBC's Antiques Roadshow and much else besides from Handel to James Bond. It was a treat. The Barn was not packed out. Many music lovers would have been at Cratfield for the Sacconi Quartet, or on their hols in Provence.

Travellers move on

The travellers have been on the Green for their annual visit. They have lots of horses with them this year, as many as 40 perhaps, competing for the grazing with Tony Jolly who has grazing rights for his cattle. They left just before expiry of the statutory period when a notice to quit would have been served, leaving them

free to return without peril. These days people wait anxiously when their 'local' closes and speculate on whether it will re-open.

Invariably rural areas lose out whether it is the post office, the shop, the village school, or the cottage hospital. The good news is that Helen and Dick took on the tenancy of the de la Pole in July. They plan to serve affordable traditional home made food and real ale. In these hard times they will need our support, and per contra intend to provide an attractive service. We know from past experience this is possible. Let us taste and see. We wish the enterprise well.

Jacqui returns

Jacqui Dankworth came back to Wingfield Church in June to sing three songs in a concert to celebrate Anne's life. It was 11 years since Jacqui organised Wingfield's Millennium Concert and filled the church with children performers from local schools. This time she brought with her Charlie Wood her American singer-pianist husband whom she has just married. She is a real trouper and had us in the palms our her hands. She so much resembles her mother's voice and appearance, and like her performs all over the world. As I write she is singing at the Chichester Festival.

For her first song she took us back to the almost forgotten 40s music starting with *A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square* with a jazz accompaniment written by her father Johnny D.

Liz Brice sang three songs from Anne's repertoire, ending with the very moving Dido's lament by Purcell. The Harleston Choral Society gave a magnificent perfor-

A word from Wingfield

► mance of Haydn's Nelson Mass. And Jane and Peter treated all the audience to tea and cakes afterwards in the college. A wonderful Saturday afternoon.

A local farmer tells me he has been offered a free wind turbine to supply all his electricity, to be maintained free for 25 years when it becomes his. If it produces more electricity than he needs, the excess is purchased for the grid at 5p per unit. There are other schemes available under the government's £2Bn subsidy scheme. Thus one of the big five companies is offering to install solar panels for just £99 being a one-off payment for everything. It sounds too good to be true since it cuts down the electric bill as the crunch comes. And its green.

The fading line

Out of the blue from time to time a letter arrives asking for information usually from a researcher wishing to find out first hand about the colonial era before we have all died. That thin white line is becoming thinner. One researcher came over from Manchester to enquire about the extent of racism in Uganda 'in my day' and this week a Cambridge PhD student is coming to enquire about the motivation behind a career in the Colonial Service. As dementia threatens and the memory fades, recollection becomes unreliable but

reminiscences persist.

Thus back in the 50s I found myself unable to confirm one of my ADCs at the end of his three-year probationary . As I had in effect cast doubt on the 'Rolls Royce' selection process and the normal formality of progress up the career ladder, the ADC was moved away to work under our most senior and experienced officer. I was told that my action was unprecedented, and so my judgement came under a shadow. I later discovered that there was a precedent insofar as the Hon John Buchan's career in the Uganda administration was terminated just before WW2 the story being that he was somewhat eccentric and failed to conform.

In my second year at Oxford I enquired about a bullet hole in the window of my rooms (there is a similar one here in this cottage). My scout said that a previous occupant, his brother the Hon Alastair Buchan, had taken a pot-shot at someone in the quad, and the college had decided to leave the hole. Or was it the other way round? I cannot remember.

I forgot to say that my ADC did not survive but I did, despite my progressive views, and a warning at one point that if I persisted with objections to government policy, I would have to resign. Fortunately the winds of change blew the policies away, not me.

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WINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Michael Harvey

Parish Council

Vacancy. One of the two vacancies for councillors (following the elections on 5th May) was filled by co-option at the June meeting. It is hoped to bring the Council back to full strength by a further co-option as soon as possible. If you are interested in becoming a councillor or would like further information please contact the Clerk.

Election of Chairman. At the Annual Parish Council meeting on 16th May Councillor Michael Harvey was elected Chairman with Councillor Lee Smith as Vice Chairman.

Annual Parish Meeting

At the Annual Parish Meeting on the 16th May a full range of reports was received reflecting the wide variety of thriving activities and community groups in the village. Councillor Michael Harvey gave his Chairman's review of the year on behalf of the Parish Council and reports were also received from our Community Police Officer, District and County Councillors (Mr. McGregor made his report later at the following Council meeting).

Travellers on the Green

The travellers who arrived on the Green from the 9th June (up to six caravans and around 40 horses) left on Thursday 30th, a stay of three weeks. The legally enforceable deadline for departure set at the case conference at Eye Police Station on 13th June was the morning of Monday the 4th July. The SCC Gypsy and Travellers Liaison Officer attended the Council meeting on June 22nd to explain the position and respond to questions. Thanks are due to Keren Wright and her team, the police and our District Councillor Mrs. Gibson-Harries for their help. However, although the formal procedures for responding to unauthorised encampments (which took precedence over the issue of large scale illegal grazing) was, as previously, quickly applied and worked effectively, there was once again mess and rubbish left behind. The Council will consider at its next meeting whether there are any steps that could realistically be taken to prevent further encampments.

Planning:

2243&2244(LBC) /11 Warrens Farm, The Green (two storey rear extension and alterations). 1307/11 Rose Cottage, The Green (two-storey extension). Refusal recommended. Withdrawn. 1490/11 Hill Farm, Bleach Green (15 metres to hub, wind turbine serving farm). Approval recommended. Undecided. 1310/11 Barn at Chickering Hall (solar panels). Granted.

Parish Plan Initiatives

Mains Drainage. There is still an opportunity to add your name to the list to support the proposed application for mains drainage. *Children's Play Area.* Since the note on this subject in the June edition the Council has received renewed evidence of strong support among parents for a play area to meet the urgent needs of the growing number of young children in the village. The Parish Council will consider all options including revisiting those previously identified with a view to determining a way forward in September. If you have views or suggestions please contact the Clerk.

Top Road speed limit. The detailed proposal submitted by the Parish Council for a new 30mph speed limit on the section of Top Road between the Low Road junction and Cowhams was considered in committee by the County Council with the police but was not recommended for approval. It was accepted that although the density of development on this stretch of road was below the normal qualifying level the application did have some merit and the possible addition of road edge markings to draw attention to road narrowing was mentioned in the response.

Speedwatch. The Parish Council remains interested in joining a local Speedwatch scheme subject to the participation of partner villages to share the cost of equipment.

**The next meeting will be on 7th September at 19.30 in the Village Hall.
For further information: please contact David Jenvey, Clerk (01379 388184)**

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X-Trainer 10mins, Rower 5mins

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People and names from the 1950s

I was talking to Clive Baxter and Barbara Chenery recently and we were discussing how the village has changed since the 1950s and I decided to record something about the people and village during that time. Arthur and Harriet Abbott lived at Goldbrook and Edward and Florence Ainsley at The Red House, Low Street.

Many old village names come to mind like Knights, Gilman, Tye, Jolly, Feavearyear, Butcher and Cracknell. I will recall others later, but expect I will be told if I miss some out. The village had three public houses, The Swan which was run by George and Frances Mills, The Grapes which was occupied by Jessie Broad and Sussex Broad, The Red Lion which was the home of Archie, Edith, Hannah and Jack Bird. Shops were located in Low Street, Cross Street and Heckfield Green and included Hoxne Post Office and General Stores, which was run by Herman Thomas and Polly Goldsmith.

The bakery was run as a business by Roy and Florence Weston with the bakery building behind the shop. The Grocery Shop (now the Post Office) in Low Street was run by Harold and Joan Courridge and a red metal vending machine was attached to the wall of the shop selling bars of chocolate.

Charlie Coleman and his wife Violet resided at Waterloo House and part of the house was originally the Cross Street Post Office. All manner of goods were sold from the shop including general groceries, washing powder, paraffin, boiled sweets and liquorish.

The garage near to Bull Lane (Balls Lane) in Cross Street was run by Howard and Daphne Clifford-Turner and Albert Lewis had a petrol station on the corner of Nuttery Vale, along with a taxi business. Albert (Bert) also used to drive the village ambulance.

The Post Office on the Denham Road was run by the Bryant family and the shoe shop next to 13 Cross Street which had formerly been Rayner's Bakery was run by Harold Stephenson and then by his daughter Mrs Cole. The coal merchant in the village was Maxwell Lewis who lived next to the coal yard at Greenlands with his wife Edna. Aubrey and Betty Leggett resided at 13 Cross Street and Aubrey worked as the village wheelwright.

Farms included Home Farm which had been owned by the Oakley Park Estate and was purchased by Suffolk County Council after the Oakley Park Estate was sold off in 1921. Castle Farm (alias Cross Street Farm) was

occupied by Frederick, Grace, Joyce, Kathleen and Fred Chapman and Shreeves Farm was the home of James and Joan Havers, who had purchased the farm from the Bendall family. Alice and John Coleman resided at Chestnut Tree Farm. Alice was the sister of John Neave who resided at Larch House on the junction of Denham Road and the Chickering Road. Edith, Elsie and George Bacon resided at Tibbenham's Corner Farm at Green Street and John and Constance Page lived at Dairy Farm (alias Parkes Farm). Constance delivered milk around the village with a pony and cart.

The lane to Mill House near to Pig Street was once the site of two post windmills and Christie and Ethel Borret resided at the Mill House. Christie worked as a clerk for Mr Bland the auctioneer who had resided at Elm House and Ethel was a teacher at Hoxne Infant School, which became the Doctor's Surgery on the Little Hill (off Church Hill). Abbey Farm was

occupied by Otis and Margaret Maitland and Alfred and Enid Michell resided at The Depperhaugh. The Depperhaugh had been built by Admiral Sir Baldwin Wake Walker, who with other members of his family are buried near to the west door of the church. The Michell's were a lovely couple and opened the gardens for fund raising events and fetes. The Vicarage was the home of the Reverend James Gilchrist and his wife Nora. Fir House was the home of the village doctor and the residence of Dr William Sheehan, his wife Mary and son Desmond.

Ralph Miles the thatcher lived in Cross Street next to Nigel Jolly and across the road from them was the Blacksmith Shop. The smithy was run by Fred Amies and he and his wife Eva lived at Melrose, which was opposite The Grapes Inn.

Guy and Florence Jolly resided at Heckfield Green. Guy was one of a family of thatchers in the village. The Retreat (formerly The Royal Oak) was the home of Betsy Cupper who delivered newspapers and her brother-in-law Wiliam Baldock.

Elsie and Albert Garnham lived at Fairstead Farm and nearby was The Brickyard and St Edmund's (now Park House) which had been built on the pleasure grounds of Oakley Park for Harry Palgrave Raven and his wife Annie.

Well I think that's enough for the time being and other village surnames were Barber, Banham, Bayles, Blake, Brame, Bridges, Brown, Bunting, Burridge and Butler for surnames beginning with B.

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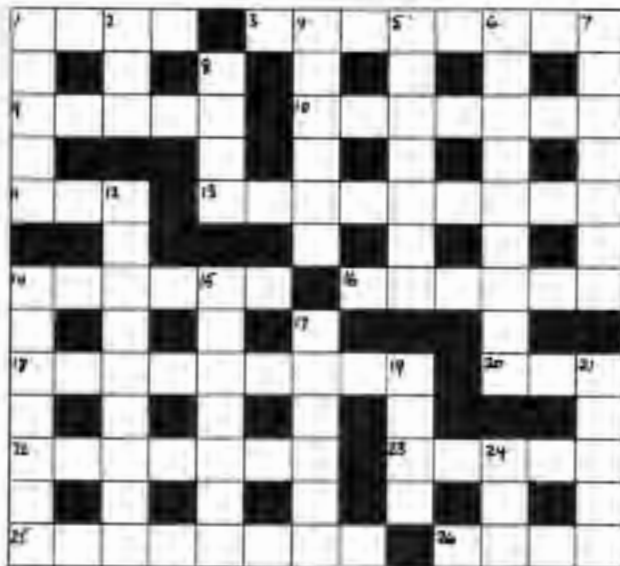
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE No. 83

The prize for the first correct solution posted to crossword puzzle No. 82 went to Mrs Green Webster of Wingfield. The solution appears below.



ACROSS

DOWN

- 1 Keep back a quick look (4)
- 3 The case of Diaseal leads hard region (8)
- 6 Dr bug terrible latest (5)
- 10 Pass out without a small dressing (7)
- 11 Total make, without hesitation (5)
- 13 Wrong, or just our wrong (9)
- 14 Trip, a confused course (6)
- 16 Go apart into classes (5)
- 18 Backcover that describes its contents (9)
- 20 Part of huge jaw to eat (2)
- 22 Sweep up vote per in transit (7)
- 23 Aim on ship board in Northland town (3)
- 25 Fifty cent in Tasmanian (5)
- 26 Firm in tree station (4)

- 1 Recreation area followed by a worm (jackal) (5)
- 2 Girls protest grips (highlighted) (2)
- 4 I'm left with guide firm overseas (6)
- 5 One who catches sparks slab (7)
- 6 Revolution wally made known to others (9)
- 7 Longest with pole, straight (7)
- 8 Profile for star, born and lost (4)
- 12 Reckless man with SUN Vers had them (9)
- 14 Before that came success (7)
- 15 Rattles about for symptoms (7)
- 17 Looked! That's not how to spell it, fair game (8)
- 19 Pinch deputy PM (4)
- 21 First Lady went to him. Trust relation (5)
- 24 Sheep sounds like a tree (3)

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE NO. 82



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ADVERTISING

**The space allocated for advertising in the
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**If you would like to place an advertisement,
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